

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Currently Amended) A cigarette wrapper for a cigarette having reduced sidestream smoke between puffs, comprising:

a first layer of combustible material adapted to be formed around smoking material;
and

a second layer of combustible material formed around said first layer, wherein said second layer reduces combustion of said smoking material between puffs, wherein said first layer is more combustible than said second layer when exposed to thermal energy generated by said smoking material, and said second layer includes thermally opened perforations, said perforations being blocked by occlusions which block the flow of oxygen through the perforations until sufficient thermal energy by combustion of said smoking material opens said perforations, wherein the occlusions comprise a combustible filling material.

Claim 27 (Original) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 26, wherein said smoking material includes a tobacco-based material.

Claim 28 (Original) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 26, wherein said second layer comprises a composite layer containing multiple layers.

Claim 29 (Original) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 28, wherein said composite layer includes a metal foil layer.

Claim 30 (Original) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 29, wherein said composite layer includes a paper layer laminated to said metal foil layer.

Claim 31 (Original) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 29, wherein said composite layer includes two paper layers laminated on either side of said metal foil layer.

Claim 32 (Original) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 26, wherein said second layer extends to the distal end of the cigarette.

Claim 33 (Original) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 26, wherein said second layer extends to within a non-zero distance L from the distal end of the cigarette.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 26, further ~~including at least one perforation in said second layer~~; comprising evenly dispersed square perforations having dimensions of about 0.5 mm by 0.5 mm.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 34 26, wherein said ~~at least one perforation~~ perforations comprises at least one perforation of a first size and at least one perforation of a second size which is larger than said first size.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 35, wherein said ~~at least one perforation~~ perforations of said first size ~~is~~ are located closer to the distal end of the cigarette than said ~~at least one perforation~~ perforations of said second size.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 34 26, wherein said ~~at least one perforation is~~ perforations are blocked by said first layer of material before smoking of the cigarette.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended) The cigarette wrapper of Claim 37 26, wherein ~~at least portions of said first layer of material located beneath said at least one perforation are sufficiently combustible when exposed to heat such that the portions are burned away during smoking of the cigarette~~ the combustible filling material comprises a cellulosic or wax-like material.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended) A smoking article having reduced sidestream smoke between puffs, comprising:

a smoking material;

a first layer of combustible material formed around said smoking material; and
a second layer of combustible material formed around said first layer, wherein said second layer reduces combustion of said smoking material between puffs, wherein said first layer is more combustible than said second layer when exposed to thermal energy generated by said smoking material, and said second layer includes thermally opened perforations, said perforations being blocked by occlusions which block the flow of oxygen through the perforations until sufficient thermal energy by combustion of said smoking material opens said perforations, wherein the occlusions comprise a combustible filling material.

Claim 40 (Original) The smoking article of Claim 39, wherein said smoking material includes a tobacco-based material.

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Claim 43 (Original) The smoking article of Claim 39, wherein said second layer comprises a composite layer containing multiple layers.

Claim 44 (Original) The smoking article of Claim 43, wherein said composite layer includes a metal foil layer.

Claim 45 (Original) The smoking article of Claim 44, wherein said composite layer includes a paper layer laminated to said metal foil layer.

Claim 46 (Original) The smoking article of Claim 45, wherein said composite layer includes two paper layers laminated on either side of said metal foil layer.

Claim 47 (Original) The smoking article of Claim 39, wherein said second layer extends to the distal end of said article at which said smoking material is exposed.

Claim 48 (Original) The smoking article of Claim 39, wherein said second layer extends to within a non-zero distance L from the distal end of said article at which said smoking material is exposed.

Claim 49 (Original) The smoking article of Claim 48, wherein said second layer extends to within approximately 1 mm to 5 mm from said end.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended) The smoking article of Claim 39, ~~further including at least one perforation in said second layer.~~ comprising evenly dispersed square perforations having dimensions of about 0.5 mm by 0.5 mm.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended) The smoking article of Claim ~~50~~ 39, wherein said ~~at least one perforation~~ perforations comprises at least one perforation of a first size and at least one perforation of a second size which is larger than said first size.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended) The smoking article of Claim 51, wherein said ~~at least one perforation~~ perforations of said first size ~~is~~ are located closer to the distal end of said smoking article than said ~~at least one perforation~~ perforations of said second size.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended) The smoking article of Claim ~~50~~ 39, wherein said ~~at least one perforation is~~ perforations are blocked by said first layer of material before use of said article.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended) The smoking article of Claim ~~52~~ 39, wherein ~~at least portions of said first layer of material located beneath said at least one perforation are sufficiently combustible when exposed to heat generated by said smoking material such that the portions are burned away during use of said article~~ the combustible filling material comprises a cellulosic or wax-like material.

Claim 55 (Currently Amended) The smoking article of Claim ~~50~~ 39, wherein said ~~at least one perforation~~ perforations in said second layer ~~comprises~~ comprise a plurality of perforations arranged in a pattern.

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